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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER'S SEPTEMBER 24 POLICY SPEECH

SUMMARY. IN HIS SEPTEMBER 24 DIET POLICY SPEECH, PRIMIN
MIKI BROKE NO NEW GROUND. HE LISTED THREE ITEMS OF
PRIORITY IMPORTANT ON AGENDA OF CURRENT DIET SESSION:
PASSAGE OF DEFICIT FINANCING BONDS BILL AND BILLS TO
INCREASE NATIONAL RAILWAY FARES AND TELEPHONE AND
TELEGRAPH RATES. HE REITERATED FAMILIAR FOREIGN POLICY
THEMES AND LONG-STANDING POSITIONS ON LOCKHEED SCANDAL.
AT CONCLUSION OF SPEECH, MIKI PHILOSOPHIZED ABOUT
IMPORTANCE OF SETTLEMENT OF LOCKHEED AFFAIR TO
JAPANESE DEMOCRACY. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLTWING IS SUMMARY OF HIGHLIGHTS OF SPEECH.

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2. MIKI OPENED SPEECH WITH AN APOLOGY TO JAPANESE PEOPLE

FOR LOCKHEED SCANDAL, STATING THAT JAPANESE DEMOCRACY WOULD BE DAMAGED IF A THOROUGH PROBE WERE NOT CARRIED OUT. HE REITERATED HIS PROMISE OF NO POLITICAL INTERFERENCE IN THE INVESTIGATIVE PROCESS AND SAID THAT, AFTER RECEIVING A FULL REPORT FROM INVESTIGATIVE AUTHORITIES, HE WOULD REPORT IN TURN TO DIET. THIS WOULD TAKE PLACE AFTER COMPLETION OF INVESTIGATION, UNLESS INVESTIGATION OF "KODAMA ROUTE" TURNED OUT TO BE PROLONGED, IN WHICH CASE, MIKI PROMISED, AN INTERIM REPORT WOULD BE MADE.

3. ON QUESTION OF ASSIGNING POLITICAL AND MORAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOCKHEED SCANDAL, MIKI PROMISED FULLEST COOPERATION, INCLUDING FURNISHING OF DATA, SO THAT DIET MIGHT FULFILL ITS INVESTIGATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES, IN ACCORD WITH CRIMINAL PROCEDURE LAW.

4. MIKI URGED QUICK PASSAGE OF DEFICIT FINANCING BONDS BILL AND OF BILLS TO RAISE NATIONAL RAILWAY AND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH RATES. HE NOTED THAT WITHOUT ACTION ON LATTER TWO MEASURES IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THESE TWO PUBLIC ENTERPRISES TO PAY WAGE INCREASES AND BONUSES.

5. MIKI SAID THAT JAPANESE ECONOMY WAS GRADUALLY IMPROVING DUE MAINLY TO INCREASED CONSUMER DEMAND AND STRONG EXPORTS AS A RESULT OF IMPROVEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WERE STILL CERTAIN INDUSTRIES THAT WERE NOT ENJOYING PROSPERITY AND THUS THE NECESSITY FOR QUICK ACTION ON THE THREE MAIN AGENDA ITEMS.

6. IN FOREIGN POLICY PORTION OF SPEECH, MIKI:

--DECLARED PUERTO RICO ECONOMIC SUMMIT A GREAT SUCCESS, STRESSING AGREEMENT ON NECESSITY OF PREVENTING NEW OUTBURST OF INFLATION AND ON STEADY EXPANSION OF WORLD ECONOMY;

--NOTED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED FISHERIES AND CIVIL AVIATION DISPUTES WITH PRESIDENT DURING WASHINGTON STOP-OVER. SOLUTION OF THESE PROBLEMS WILL NOT BE EASY, BUT UNCLASSIFIED

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WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF CLOSELY-KNIT US-JAPAN RELATIONSHIP, JAPAN WILL DEVOTE ALL ENERGY TO THEIR PRACTICAL SOLUTION THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS;

--MOURNED MAO'S DEATH AND EXPRESSED STRONG HOPE FOR EARLY CONCLUSION OF PFT;

--PLEDGED INTENSIFIED EFFORT TO SECURE REVERSION OF

NORTHERN TERRITORIES AND SIGN PEACE TREATY WITH USSR;

--RESTATED GOJ POSITION THAT KOREAN ISSUES MUST BE
RESOLVED THROUGH TALKS BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH AND THAT,
PENDING
UNIFICATION, BOTH KOREAS SHOULD JOIN UN;

--PLEDGED THAT JAPAN GREATLY DEPENDENT ON THE

OCEANS, WOULD MAKE GREATEST POSSIBLE EFFORT TO ACHIEVE
A UNIVERSAL LOS TREATY; AND.

--STRESSING THAT NORTH-SOUTH PROBLEM WILL CONTINUE
TO GROW IN IMPORTANCE, CALLED FOR DIALOGUE RATHER THAN
CONFRONTATION AND PLEDGED STRENGTHENING OF JAPAN'S
FOREIGN AID PROGRAM.

MIKI REFERRED BRIEFLY TO SOVIET MIG-25'S "INTRUSION ON
JAPANESE AIRSPACE" AND ITS "FORCED LANDING" IN HOKKAIDO.
GOJ WILL CONTINUE TO DEAL WITH THIS INCIDENT, MIKI SAID,
"COOLLY AND PRUDENTLY, IN ORDER THAT IT WILL NOT EXERT
AN ADVERSE INFLUENCE ON BASICALLY FRIENDLY JAPAN-SOVIET
RELATIONS."

7. IN CONCLUDING PORTION OF SPEECH, MIKI SPOKE OF
LOCKHEED SCANDAL AS A GREAT LESSON FOR JAPANESE DEMOCRACY.
NOTING THAT THERE WERE MANY POLITICAL SYSTEMS IN WORLD,
MIKI SAID HE BELIEVED DEMOCRACY THE BEST SUITED FOR JAPAN.
WHILE POLITICAL CORRUPTION COULD OCCUR IN ANY COUNTRY,
IN DEMOCRACIES IT COULD BE EXPOSED AND CORRECTED AS
COULD MISTAKEN POLICIES. HE SAID HIS UNCHANGING DETER-
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MINATION TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF LOCKHEED SCANDAL WAS DUE
TO HIS PHILOSOPHY TOWARD PARLIMENTARY DEMOCRACY. THE
GREATEST REASON FOR COMPLETE CLARIFICATION OF LOCKHEED
SCANDAL IS SO THAT JAPANESE DEMOCRACY CAN CARRY OUT SELF-
REFORM AND ESTABLISH POLICIES TO PREPENT FUTURE
CORRUPTION.
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